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Happy Birthday! Baptist Mid-Missions



Pastor Willis Hull
and Dr. Allan Lewis

The First Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio (Rev. Willis Hull, Pastor) hosted a 60th birthday celebration and praise service for Baptist Mid-Missions on October 15th. There was a great time of fellowship and a birthday cake in the church's Fellowship Hall. Church members and friends were present for this special occasion.

In 1920, a group of Baptist pastors and laymen, summoned together by American missionary to Africa, William Haas, met in the First Baptist Church, Elyria, and organized the General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions of North America, Inc. The new mission was committed at its very outset to historic Baptist faith.

God's blessing was manifested quickly when the first group of six missionaries sailed on November 23, 1920, led by the founder, Rev. William Haas, Mrs. Rowena Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Fird Rosenau, residents of Elyria.

The work in Africa was known as Mid-Africa Mission. From this early title sprang the popular Mid-Missions name. On August 21, 1953, the cumbersome official name was dropped and the official title Baptist Mid-Missions was adopted.

The African work grew but in 1924 Rev. Haas laid down his life for Christ and was buried at Bangassau, the first mission station. His vision and his faith in God had resulted in an enduring work which was to reach to the ends of the earth.

Sixty years ago God brought into being the first independent Baptist Mission, Baptist Mid-Missions as it is known today. The story of its growth, from a tiny beginning in 1920 to its present position as one of the world's largest evangelical missions, is a thrilling one. Today there are more than 1000 missionaries, including appointees, serving in 33 countries and in 32 of the 50 states. At present, First Baptist's missionary outreach touches 43 countries through dozens of missionaries and organizations. The financial commitment has doubled in the past 9 years.

Editor's Note: We are confident that all the readers of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST join in expressing birthday greetings to this excellent mission agency that has served the Lord so faithfully down through the years. Happy birthday, indeed — to all the missionaries at home and abroad and to the mission's excellent, dedicated staff!

Another Great OARBC Conference!

The 53rd Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, held in the First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio October 20, 21, 22, is now a part of history!

Rev. L. Max Deffenbaugh, pastor of the Medina church, and his people did a superb job in hosting this gathering of the Lord's people. Their church building is a thing of beauty! The lovely auditorium is one of the most attractive found in any of our GARBC/OARBC churches. It proved to be most conducive to a spirit of worship. Each service, under the able direction of Chairman Rev. Robert Barrett, was blessed of the Lord.

Services throughout the days and evenings were well attended. The messages delivered by Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of our GARBC and those delivered by Dr. Russell Ebersole, Executive Administrator for the Far East under ABWE were heart stirring and thought provoking. Dr. Tassell's theme was — "A MAN OF GOD". This was a study of the prophet Elisha. He was presented as — "A Man of God in Profile" — "A Man of God in Practice", and "A Man of God in Principle". Dr. Ebersole spoke on the subject — "An Ambassador of Jesus Christ". His messages were not only challenging but informative as well. He gave a current picture concerning Bangladesh and other distant lands. Your O.I.B. Editor/State Representative also had the privilege of bringing a message. He chose as his text — "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you".

The music for the conference was under the direction of Rev. Willis Hull. The First Baptist Church choir opened these meetings by presenting the cantata — "Worthy Is The Lamb". They sang beautifully and to the glory of God. Special musical numbers were presented

at the services by folk from other OARBC churches. All the music greatly enhanced the program from beginning to end.

At the business sessions, reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Work Chairman, and Editor/State Representative. We now have a total of 202 churches in our OARBC. We received the Berean Baptist Church of Pickerington, Ohio (Rev. Jim Hostetler, Pastor) into our fellowship. Your editor, Brother Don Moffat, has been serving as State Representative on an interim basis. As of the Medina conference, the Council of 12 did not have the name of a person to fill the office of State Representative. We have been asked to continue in this work on an interim basis until the end of 1981 or earlier should someone be hired. We have agreed thereto. Also, during the business session a resolution was passed. It came as a very pleasant surprise to your State Representative and his wife. We appreciate it very much. The resolution in its entirety will be found elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B. We were instructed to publish it for our readers.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Tassell spoke to approximately 300 men concerning the GARBC fellowship. He invited those present to ask questions . . . and they did! It all proved most enlightening. We could wish every pastor in our OARBC could have been there. Mrs. Joy Cuthbertson spoke to the ladies. There were well over 400 present.

On Tuesday evening, Brother Gary Storm gave a presentation of our three camps — Patmos, Skyview Ranch, and Scioto Hills. He did a very good job! We have much for which to be thankful. This past year 8,095 folk were a part of our camp/retreat programs. At one time during the conference, a show of hands revealed that many of our people through

the years have taken advantage of our camp ministries. Some vital decisions regarding their relationship to the Lord. Immediately following Brother Storm's report there was a special slide presentation honoring Camp Patmos on the completion of 30 years of camp ministry. It was entitled — "Happy Birthday, Camp Patmos!"

A report concerning our work among youth in our Ohio fellowship was given by Rev. Max E. Sidders. He informed us that Talents for Christ '81 would be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio — March 21st. Our State Youth Rally will be held at Cedarville College — May 16th. Dr. Paul Tassell is to be the guest speaker. It is hoped they will be having another Youth Worker's Clinic. The one held during the Fall of '79 proved most successful.

Newly elected members to the Council of 12 are: Ralph O. Burns (Westlake), William L. Davis (Bedford), W. Paul Jackson (Cedarville), and Ernest Pickering (Toledo). A new listing of the Council of 12 showing those elected to offices on the council appears on the masthead (page 2) in this issue of the O.I.B.

As stated at the beginning of this report, the conference was well attended, however, there were quite a few of our pastors that were conspicuous by their absence. All we can say is . . . it is sad. They really missed a time of rich fellowship and great blessing. In these days of confusion and compromise, this editor feels pastors need the spiritual impetus such a conference would give them. Mark your calendars for next year's conference. It will be held at the Washington Heights Baptist Church, 5650 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. The dates are — Oct 19, 20, and 21. We hope to see you there. **PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

Pastor's Day At Shalom Lake



It was indeed — "A Great Day!"

"It was wonderful." "Great time." "Tremendous." These are just a few of the remarks made by those who attended Baptist Mid-Missions' Pastors' Day, September 9 at Shalom Lake, Huntsburg, Ohio.

Over 40 men, including pastors, their staff, laymen and Baptist Mid-Missions' personnel enjoyed a good time of fellowship. The morning hours were filled with workshops conducted by Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President, on the structure and worldwide ministry of the mission. Rev. William Smallman, Candidate Secretary spoke on the "Candidate Trail." Dr. V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator shared information on the youth outreach and deputation and Rev. Leigh Adams, North America Secretary, discussed church planting.

A delicious meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the Huntsburg Baptist Church where Rev. Ben Garlich is pastor. Rev. Merle Richardson, Camp Director, gave a slide presentation of the camp ministry to begin the afternoon sessions. Special music was presented by Rev. T. Fred Hussey, Pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church,

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Cleveland and Mr. Tim Cosby, Music Director of Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland Heights. Dr. Robert Gilbert, Vice-President and former Foreign Secretary of the mission, concluded the day's events with a thought provoking presentation followed by a profitable discussion period.

The men came from as far away as Byesville, Ohio and Waterford, Pennsylvania. Perhaps the feelings of all who attended can be summed up in a question by one of the men after the sessions ended. "I really enjoyed this day. It was really enlightening. Are we going to have another one next year?"

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Editor/State Representative Annual Report - 10/20/80



A. Donald Moffat

It has been my privilege this past fiscal year (10/15/79-10/20/80) to serve as both Editor of our State paper - THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST - and as State Representative (on a temporary basis) for our OARBC.

As EDITOR of our O.I.B., I wish to thank the Lord for those who have worked along with me in sending forth our publication. Special thanks are given to Brother Wm. Brock for his help of doing the layout work each month. Because of his willingness to do this, it saves me miles in travelling, and gives me an extra day to care for other responsibilities. I would like also to thank Brother Stuart Chaffee for his continued faithfulness in serving as Circulation Manager. A dear friend, Mrs. Joyce Higdon, has been helping each month in sending out statements to cover the cost for ads. There are also the regular contributors like Dr. George Lawlor, Dr. Ben Kendrick, and others. To the many who have sent us news, articles, ads, pictures, etc. we offer a hearty thanks!

We began this work of editing the O.I.B. in October of 1965. We are now beginning our sixteenth year. In grace the Lord has blessed. Many times over we have had folk from our own churches, and some from churches outside our Ohio Association, tell us how much they appreciate the O.I.B. They say it is the best state paper! God is good!

Through the O.I.B. we have endeavored to keep our readers informed concerning our OARBC fellowship, our camps, our mission agencies, our youth, our churches, and our pastors.

Whenever a church either loses a pastor or calls a new one, we would appreciate being notified immediately. We urge churches to send us their church calendars, and to give us write-ups concerning the working of the Lord in their midst. It would be great, too, if the fellowships within our OARBC would send up reports concerning their meetings. I refer to such fellowships as Hebron, West Moriah, and the like.

As to our serving as STATE REPRESENTATIVE, we have much for which to praise the Lord. We began this work back in April, 1979. We were called to serve on a temporary basis as State Missionary thus carrying on, in part, the work of our brother, Rev. Earl Umbaugh.

At our State OARBC meeting in Byesville last year (Oct. '79), we recommended to our OARBC that the title be changed from State Missionary to State Representative. The reason for this was that we were finding ourselves serving more in the capacity of working with struggling churches (and pastors) rather than establishing new churches. We want it understood that we are not opposed to starting new works. We found, in our case, that it was next to impossible to edit our paper, assist struggling churches, help pastors looking for churches and churches looking for pastors, caring for a heavy correspondence, travelling many miles, counseling, etc., and at the same time engage in church-planting. It just couldn't be done!

It might be that a younger man could do this and more. I admit openly - I cannot! I want it to be made clear that I have never worked harder in any one year of my life. We have been kept extremely busy. I am not complaining but rather am glad that at my age there would be some, at least, who feel we can fill a certain need. It is nice having a work to do and being able, by His grace, to do it!

During the past year we have travelled approximately 12,000 miles. We have written many letters and made many phone calls. We have ministered in the following churches: Louisville, Strongsville, Medina, LeMoyn, Baltimore, Arcanum, Norwalk, Pataskala, Dresden, Van Wert, Caldwell, East Liverpool, Berea, Lima (Grace), Wheelersburg, Lakeview,



Almost Persuaded

One Sunday in the early 1870's a lone man stepped from a train in a small Eastern town. His name was Philip Bliss. After twenty years of impoverishment and heart-breaking work, he had risen to the front ranks of America's gospel singers and hymn composers.

Deeply religious, Bliss never missed an opportunity to attend church. He also had very practical reasons for his interest in sermons. It was from the pulpit that he drew ideas for most of his hymns. Dwight L. Moody had told the story of a shipwreck and Bliss had written "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." He had heard Evangelist D. W. Whittle tell of a battle during the Civil War and he came up with his hymn, "Hold the Fort." Waiting for his connecting train in Chicago, the composer slipped into

a church. The preacher was reading from the Acts of the Apostles..... "....Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." During his sermon the Rev. Brundage stated.... "to be almost saved is to be entirely lost," and Philip Bliss had the theme for one of his greatest hymns.

A music teacher with an income of thirteen dollars a month at 26, Philip Bliss was earning a fortune from his hymn books at 36 - and giving the fortune to charity. On December 29, 1876, he and his wife were riding a Chicago-bound express through Ohio. Near the town of Ashtabula the train crashed through a trestle and burned. The composer and his wife perished with a hundred other passengers. He would have been 38.

"Almost persuaded," now to believe;
"Almost persuaded," Christ to receive
Seems now some soul to say,
"Go, Spirit, go Thy way,
Some more convenient day,
On Thee I'll call."

"Almost persuaded," come, come to-day;
"Almost persuaded," turn not away;
Jesus invites you here,

Angels are ling'ring near,
Prayers rise from hearts so-dear,
O.....wand'rer, come.

"Almost persuaded," harvest is past!
"Almost persuaded," doom comes at last!

"Almost" cannot avail;
"Almost" is but to fail!
Sad, sad, that bitter wall,
"Almost," but lost.

Canton (Perry), New Matamoras, Sunbury, Bowling Green, Defiance, Toledo (Grace), Smithville, Delaware, Struthers, Vienna, Toledo (Emmanuel) Montpelier, Portsmouth, and Canton (Grace).

We have met with the following churches and were able to work with them concerning some very vital problems. They are: Van Wert, Castine, Baltimore, Massillon, and Vienna. We "dropped in" and visited with almost 40 different OARBC pastors. We attended (and spoke at) seven meetings of fellowships within our OARBC such as Bethel, Bethany, Hebron, West Moriah, and others. We attended four ordinations, ministered at three weddings and two funerals. We visited Scioto Hills and Skyview Ranch camps. Our plan is to get to all of our camps next summer. That is, of course, if we are still serving in this capacity. I attended a meeting of the State Missionaries and/or Representatives held in the GARBC office in Schaumburg, Illinois.

At present writing, I have well over 100 names of men who want me to present their names to pastorless churches. As churches have requested names, I have sent them. This is a difficult part of this work and one for which we request much prayer.

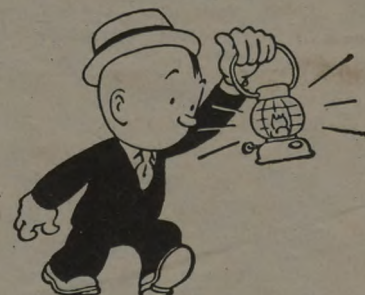
There are two churches with whom we are working that are considering coming into our OARBC fellowship. We do not feel it wise to give their names in this report. Neither has come to a definite decision as yet. There is one church that is coming into our fellowship at this annual meeting - The Berean Baptist Church of Pickerington, Ohio. The pastor of this fine church is Rev. Jim Hostetler. We will be ministering at this church the last Sunday of December, 1980.

During February and March, Lois and I were permitted to make a trip around the world. We were granted permission to make this journey by our Council of 12. We preached 72 times and did personal witnessing in England, Wales, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, and Alaska. Lois ministered by presenting piano solos and mini-concerts. We found music to be an international language! The missionaries and nationals in these different countries have asked us to consider returning and ministering to them again.

We are committing this matter to the Lord. Already, missionaries in South America have written setting up a tentative schedule for us to minister in five different countries in 1982. We would like, should the Lord give us an open door, to return to the Philippines for at least a month and also minister a week or two in Hawaii. This would be next year - 1981. Other invitations have come in from Bangladesh, England, Bavaria, and far away Africa!

As of this writing, the future is uncertain. We have been informed that our Search Committee does not have someone to take over this work of State Representative. It has been suggested that we pray seeking the Lord's will as to our continuing in this work yet another year. This is purely a "suggestion" and not an official invitation; however, we are praying about the matter. We want to help in any way that we can. I am now 70 years old and somewhere along the line I should be thinking of slowing down! A definite decision regarding all of this will be made at our annual conference in Medina. We covet your prayers. In ALL things - we want only HIS will - nothing more and nothing less!

....Respectfully submitted
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A Resolution Of Appreciation

The messengers of the churches of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Annual Conference at the First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio, wish to express their sincere love and deep appreciation to Brother and Sister Don Moffat for their tireless service in the position of interim State Representative.

Brother Don, you have consistently displayed a pastor's heart in your concern for our pastors and churches. You have been a great encouragement to many of our men across the state. Your wisdom has been valued by many who have benefited from your counsel.

We are thankful for your willingness to continue in the office of State Representative until such time as a permanent replacement has been secured. This demonstrates a gracious spirit for which we are most grateful.

It is our joy to commend you to our pastors and churches. We pledge to support you in our prayers and in our cooperation in your ministry on behalf of the OARBC. We praise God for you and wish His richest blessing on you both.

Editor's Note: As we stated in our report concerning the 53rd Annual Conference of our OARBC, this resolution came as a complete surprise. We were instructed to place it in the O.I.B. and thus share it with our readers. Your Editor/State Representative and his wife wish to express their deep appreciation to the various OARBC councils down through the 15 years we have served our fellowship. All the men have been most kind, considerate, understanding and encouraging. The Lord is so good!

The Importance Of Ushering

By Robert L. Domoko, chairman
Department of Pastoral Training
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The preacher must preach, the teacher must teach, the choir must sing; even so, the ushers in local churches must take their responsibilities seriously. Ushers have a unique ministry in the church.

The ministry of ushers may be characterized by the words "constructive influence." Their ministry is one of joy as they brighten conversations with sincere joy and warmth. Superficial enthusiasm rarely encourages anyone; therefore, ushers must be spiritual, sensible and sensitive men.

When people enter a church building, they come face to face with ushers. Ushers may speak a word of encouragement and make the difference between blessing and discouragement for people. Their ministry is to help prepare people for the service.

There are several matters that ushers must remember. Namely:

1. Be optimistic about your church. Your responsibility is not to answer the objections people may bring, but to present an optimistic outlook for your church.
2. Be pleasant and kind. If people are late to a service, do not say, "You're late, you'll have to sit in the back." It is better to say, "Since the service has already started, we have a place for you near the back." Also, never squeeze the hands of elderly people real hard; it could be that they have arthritis.
3. Be at your post at least 30 minutes before the service begins. Make sure the bulletins are ready for distribution, that the lights are on and that you understand the order of service.
4. Be neat and clean. Make sure you have shaved, your shoes are clean, your hair is groomed, your breath is not offensive. Use common sense.
5. Be alert. Concentrate on the service at all times. Don't chit-chat in the hall; don't sit in the office and drink coffee; don't flirt with the girls, but concentrate on the service. The unpardonable sin of ushers is inattention.
6. Be courteous. Remember that you are serving people individually. Treat people the way you would like to be treated.
7. Be wise. When seating people, seat them as near the front and center as seems appropriate. Also, seat visitors near faithful church members and introduce them if possible. Moreover, when seating people let them know where you are planning to seat them. For example, "I would like to seat you about half-way down on the right." This way you will not be

Christian Family Killed In Accident

A special Memorial Service was held recently at the Union Baptist Church, Englewood, Ohio (Rev. Charles J. Arnett, Pastor) for Mr. and Mrs. John Larry Newsome and their daughter, Melody Dawn. All three were killed when the light plane in which they were flying crashed, exploded, and burned during a landing attempt at the Pikeville Airport (Kentucky.) Mr. and Mrs. Newsome were in their early forties. Their daughter was sixteen years of age.

At the Memorial Service, different ones gave testimony concerning this family. They all were active in the church and the work of the Lord. Brother Larry was the church mechanic and a trustee. His wife, Ginny was church clerk and Sunday School teacher of a Primary Class. Melody was Nursery Steward and a leader among the young people. They are greatly missed.

Pastor Arnett spoke from 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

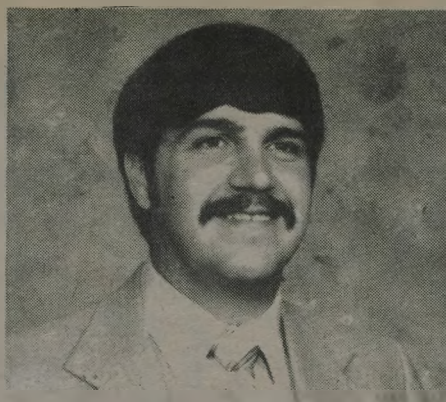
embarrassed by walking to the front and discovering that they have already seated themselves near the rear. Then, as you direct them to a place to be seated, stop at the pew, turn and put your hand on the pew ahead so they know what you mean.

8. Be prepared. When walking to the front of the auditorium to receive the offering, keep in step and keep abreast. When children leave during the service, know when and where to seat them when they return. Register all guests. Keep accurate records of attendance at every service. In case of emergency, be prepared to deal with any number of problems, such as power failure, fire, sickness, accidents, extra folding chairs for overflow crowds, etc.
9. Be equipped. Some of the items needed by ushers are: name badges, first-aid equipment, lost and found area, offering envelopes, etc.
10. Be informed. Know where various classes meet and who the teachers are. Know something about the church doctrine as well as the church building. Know who the deacons are and assist them during invitation time if you are needed.

I trust that by now we all understand and appreciate the importance of ushering. If you are an usher, you have an important ministry.

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Blanchester Calls Associate Pastor



Assoc. Pastor Charles Hackney

First Baptist Church of Blanchester, Ohio recently called Charles Hackney to be their associate pastor. First Baptist is pastored by Pastor Brad Quick. Brother Hackney began his ministry at First Baptist in June. He is working in the areas of youth and music.

Youth Workers To Serve In The Philippines



The Dan Cecil Family

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cecil have resigned from The Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay, Ohio. (Dr. Richard Snively, Pastor.) After serving for over seven years as the Youth Pastor, Brother Dan and his family have been called of God to serve Him in the Philippine Islands in a church-planting ministry. They will be serving under the Association of Baptists For World Evangelism.

Dan, and his wife, Terry, will be ministering on the Island of Mindanao in in Davao City. This is a city of nearly 700,000 where there is currently only one missionary family with the A.B.W.E. In the immediate area there are over six and one-half million Filipinos with little or no gospel witness. "The Cecils" and their three precious children - Aaron, Terry, and Asa plan to arrive on the field about July of 1981.

Currently, they are scheduling meetings for the Spring of '81. Interested churches desiring them to present their work may contact them by writing - Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cecil, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 2000 Broad Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840. Phone: (419) 422-7834.

(Note: Your editor ministered along with these dear folk at a missionary conference in the Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio. We were impressed with the manner in which they presented their work. Their slides are far above average. Their testimonies - most challenging! We recommend them highly to our churches.)

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Brother Hackney graduated in June from Grand Rapids Baptist College. Before this, he studied at Piedmont Bible College. He served for 3 years as the part-time Director of Music at Bethel Baptist Church, in Fruitport, Michigan. During his last year of school, he was the part-time associate Pastor of First Baptist Church of Kent City, Michigan. Our brother had fruitful ministries in both of these churches.

Associate Pastor Hackney and his wife Carol have two children, Charles and Stacy. The entire family has been well-received by the members of First Baptist. Both the music and youth programs have already made progress under Brother Hackney's direction. The members of First Baptist encourage everyone to pray for God's blessing on his ministry.

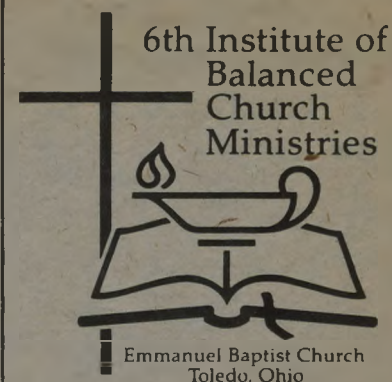


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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

THANKSGIVING

November 27, 1980

(Editor's Note: Recently, Calvary Baptist Church of Coshocton, sponsored the presentation of "America, You're Too Young To Die!", by Life Action Ministries. By the end of this presentation, almost 700 people were on their knees, seeking God's forgiveness and praying for America. This prayer resulted in my heart as I thought how far we have strayed from our foundation.)



TO A HOLY GOD —

We as Your children, have not given You rightful place as the Supreme Authority over all: As individuals and families in our homes; as a body of believers in our churches; and as Americans in our country.

HEAVENLY FATHER —

We have let the pleasures of this world which are only for a season occupy our hearts and minds.

By filling our homes with all we can get to ourselves, we have become selfish, and thus taught our children to be selfish. This selfishness has carried over into our churches, causing our missionaries to wait long periods of time to get to their fields of service. Our Pastors have to plead for the finances to care for Your work.

FATHER —

We have become so full of wanting our own way in the body of believers, that the gospel has been thwarted by disunity. Gospel preaching churches all over our land are without Pastors, many because the body will not function together.

OH FATHER —

Your children have left a bad taste of Christianity in our land of America. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and might. We have not taught Your Word to our children diligently. We are in need of stronger men of God. Our women have not been in willing submission. Our children have been disobedient.



Help our churches to get their priorities straight with the single purpose of worshipping You, and getting the gospel out.

PLEASE FATHER —

As we confess our sins, forgive us by the blood of Your Precious Son, and our Redeemer, then heal our land!

We praise You for Your mercy, with THANKSGIVING!

In Christ's Name - Amen

Future Events

November 6

The North Bethel ladies will be meeting on this day at the First Baptist Church, Stryker, Ohio.

Missionary speakers for the day will be Miss Carol Estep, Liberia, and new Appointees, Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cecil. Brother Cecil has been on the staff at the Calvary Baptist Church, Findlay, Ohio.

Special Music will be shared by the Schaffners from Montpelier Baptist Church.

Please take note that this meeting will involve voting on the division of the North Bethel Fellowship into Mid and North Bethel Fellowships.

November 6-7

SALT FORK RETREAT

Miss Barbara J. Spere, Chairman
Miss Norma Nulph, Registrar

1521 Wilmar
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44121

Total Cost: \$30.00 Due Upon Registration.

Mrs. Fred (Mildred) Hussey, Devotional Speaker

Miss Patsy King, Missionary Speaker

"Knowing God And Producing"

(Scioto Retreat Theme)

The Scioto Hills Women's Retreat started Thursday, September 12, with one hundred and six ladies present. From the first moment to the last Amen, it was a blessing. The ladies from Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus were the committee in charge. All of the services were held in the new chapel, which we thank the Lord for providing. The weather couldn't have been any more lovely with blue skies, warm days, and starry nights.

Mrs. Mildred Bryant, Missionary to the Jews in Columbus, challenged the women to a deeper walk with the Lord by using the gates of the City of Jerusalem, as found in Nehemiah 3, and also the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5. Mildred knows how to touch on important issues in our walk with the Lord.

Mrs. Joan Cole helped us to live the experiences she and her husband had as short term missionaries in the Philippines. They spent a year at Doane Rest in Baguio City, as Supervisors.

The retreat afforded such good singing and special music. Friday afternoon, several ladies went swimming in Scioto's beautiful lake, while others made crafts, went for a hay ride, paddle boat, or canoe ride. Bernice Mick of Cedarville College, had a large selection of books and the ladies spent much time browsing and choosing the ones they wanted for family and friends.

Gary and Nancy Storm are a delightful couple, and did all they could to make our stay happy. Nancy's meals were delicious. Scales are now higher as I get on them. Well, the few pounds are worth it,

"Work For The Night Is Coming"

This was the theme as the ladies of the West Moriah Fellowship held their Fall Rally, September 16, at Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio.

President, Mrs. Barbara Williams of Reynoldsburg, cordially greeted the women, and presided over the meeting. A warm welcome was extended by Mrs. Kirby Lancaster, Pastor's wife at Calvary.

Good singing throughout the day was led by Mrs. Marcia Kindig, who also shared a lovely flute solo in the afternoon. The women's trio from Clintonville Baptist Church were a real blessing to the hearts of the ladies.

Mrs. Ron England presented a study on "Priscilla" during the devotional period. Mrs. England gave her personal testimony, and told of her call along with her husband to serve as missionaries to Hawaii.

President Barbara Williams challenged the ladies with this question as a Symposium was entered into. "Are we working to the best of our ability, or are we wasting time?" Mrs. Sue Wright, Pastor's wife from Memorial Baptist, gave a further challenge concerning the people involved in our missionary groups, their leadership and purpose. "The missionary circle is not just a social, we should fulfill the missionary's needs, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The basic

"Adopt A Child For Christmas" - 1980

At the Regular Baptist Children's Agency, St. Louis, Michigan CHRISTMAS is a time of rejoicing and a time of celebrating the miraculous birth of the Christ child. It is also a time of celebrating the new birth of salvation which is ours through Christ in the lives of children the Lord has placed here in our care.

That's what Christmas is — Christ's birth. This is the center of all the excitement here as our children participate in the special events related to the Christmas season.

Hearts are warmed, year after year, as our children scurry around to make or purchase gifts for parents, brothers and sisters, and other loved ones. And they

A Very Special Recipe

Hot German Potato Salad

(1980 Scioto Hills Women's Retreat)

6 medium potatoes, boiled in jackets

6 slices of bacon

3/4 cup chopped onion

2 Tbsp. flour

5 Tbsp. sugar

1 1/2 tsp. salt

Dash pepper

3/4 cup water

1/3 cup vinegar

Peel potatoes and slice thin. Fry bacon slowly in skillet, then drain on paper. Saute' onion in bacon fat until onion is clear and soft. Blend in flour, sugar, salt, and pepper. Cook over low heat, stirring until smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat. Stir in water and vinegar. Heat to boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Stir in carefully the potatoes and the crumbled bacon bits. Remove from heat, cover and let stand until ready to serve. Serves 6 to 8.

because all in all, I had a blessed time and I have no doubt that every other lady who attended would say the same thing. We also enjoyed getting acquainted with two fine new additions to the camp, Don and Penny Hare.

Praise the Lord for this retreat, and our beautiful camp in Southern Ohio. (Editor's Note: This report is from Mrs. Barbara Williams of Eastbrook Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg. Barbara is President of the West Moriah Women's Fellowship.)

purpose is to further the missionary program of our local church." Mrs. Ethel Romig, Pastor's wife from Pataskala, brought before the women the subjects of Program and Prayer. She shared many ideas from her years of experience. "Prayer is even more important than program. Prayer is where the provisions come and the needs are met. We cannot even function without the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives," said Ethel. The third member on the panel was Mrs. Verta Ness from Galion, Ohio. She told of projects that the women of their church had been involved in. An enlightening question and answer period followed the three ladies' presentations.

The afternoon session afforded the blessing of Miss Patsy King, Missionary to the Central African Republic, sharing her many varied experiences on the field. There was one central theme throughout Patsy's presentation, and everyone present surely felt her hearts desire for the African. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3

The new 1980-81 Project was also presented in the afternoon. A \$400.00 goal was set to purchase a water softener for the Bill Russell's, Director of Skyview Ranch, our O.A.R.B.C. Camp in Millersburg.

The ladies of Calvary Baptist, Lancaster, are to be commended as gracious hostesses.

are warmed again as friends from all across our nation send gifts to the children through our "Adopt A Child At Christmas" project. This is all made possible by others as they give of themselves, their time, and their money to help needy children experience and know the true joys of Christmas.

Once again your generous gift of \$25.00 per child will help purchase gifts for the children during this wonderful season. If you want to have a part in sharing your substance and love with one or several children, please send your check to the Regular Baptist Children's Agency, 214 North Mill Street, St. Louis, Michigan 48880, and designate your gifts for the "Adopt A Child At Christmas" project to reach us by December 24, 1980. If you cannot respond to the entire \$25.00 need, any amount that you would prayerfully consider would be gratefully appreciated. Any funds that are above that needed for Christmas gifts will be applied to the continuing needs of the children.

WE NEED YOU! We cannot continue our "Special Kind of Caring" without your gifts, prayers, and the Lord's blessing. Let us all give with loving hearts because of "the" Gift of Christ as we reach out with our gifts to help those in need at Christmas.

Joyfully in Christ,

Rev. Norm Bosworth, MSW
Executive Director

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THE OHIO BRANCH

Commissioned To Serve In Chad

The Blessed Hope Baptist Church and the Cornerstone Baptist Church, both of Springfield, Ohio, held a joint commissioning service on September 13 for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Seymour. This fine young couple have been accepted as appointees to serve the Lord in The Chad. Brother Mark, whose parents are missionaries to Chad, is a member of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church. Debbie is a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. They were just recently married and are presently engaged in full-time deputation.

Pastor Kirk Heldreth (Cornerstone) challenged "the Seymours" concerning their new relationship as husband and wife and their responsibility to each other in their new ministry. Pastor James Roark (Blessed Hope) spoke to them as missionaries mentioning something of the trials and joys that they will face on the mission field. Dr. Raymond Buck (Baptist Mid-Missions) gave the charge to the churches reminding them "not to wash their hands of the responsibility that is now theirs." He reminded the churches to:

"Keep Going" — Some churches fall apart while missionaries are on the field.

"Keep Growing" — The church must grow to help the missionaries sufficiently.

"Keep Glowing" — Many churches have lost their glow. "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

As other pastors and deacons joined in the circle of prayer and laying on of hands, Brother Buster McPheeters led in prayer asking the Lord to bless this couple in the special area of their needs. Miss Joyce Corathers concluded the service by singing a special song she had written especially for "the Seymours" and this their commissioning service.

Cedarville College News

Homecoming 1980 centered around the theme "Thanks for the Memories". The weekend for alumni, students, staff, faculty, and friends of the college was a time of reflecting on God's goodness to Cedarville College and for reminiscing about much progress made over the years. Reunions were held by ten classes with more than 200 alumni in attendance.

Two individuals were honored at the Awards Luncheon. Former chairman of the Board of Trustees Dale Murphy was awarded the Honorary Alumnus Award, and '65 graduate Maryalyce Jeremiah received the Alumnus of the Year Award.

A full schedule of events included: the annual Homecoming Parade; the annual road run with over 50 participants; alumni vs J.V. soccer game; Varsity soccer vs Geneva College; Women Alumnae vs J.V. volleyball game; and a hayride.

The first Artist Series featured the King's Brass, a group of born-again artists who have dedicated their musical talents to the glory of the Lord. This quintet is composed of Phil Smith, Principal Trumpet of the New Philharmonic Orchestra; David Wakefield, French hornist with the American Brass Quintet; Charles Baker, Principal Trombonist of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; trombonist Greg Wallace of the New Haven Symphony; and Robert Nagel, trumpeter and founder/director of the New York Brass Quintet.

PRISM I, was an outstanding concert featuring a number of the college's musical groups. The concert was a totally new concept in presentation. The last note sung by each musical group was

Invitational Tournament

Cedarville College will be holding their 3rd Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament November 21 - 22. There will be two games played each evening. The first will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. The second game will get under way at 8:00 p.m. Cost of admittance is: Adults - \$3.00, Students - \$2.00, Age 10 and under - FREE, Cedarville College students, faculty, and staff - FREE.

The first game on Tuesday evening, the 21st, will be between Kenyon College and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. The second game that evening will be between Cedarville College and Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The winners at the games played on the 21st will then play each other at 8:00 p.m. on the 22nd to determine the winner of the tournament. The losers at the games played on the 21st will play each other at the 6:00 p.m. hour to find the consolation winner for the tournament.

Plan on attending. This promises to be some very exciting college basketball!

Athletes For Christ

Each year Cedarville College sponsors an Athletes For Christ tour. This group of young athletes travel to the Philippine Islands where they engage in a Basketball/Evangelism program. This year their ministry proved a great success. This "success" is measured not only in their 32-0 basketball record, but — more important — in the lives of the people they reached with the gospel!

This year's team was on tour 36 days through the Philippines and Hong Kong. Besides the 32 games played in the period, they also spent over 140 hours in some mode of travel, either by plane, bus, car, jeepney, tricycle (motor cycle side car), subway, calesa (horse drawn), walking, or truck. The team traveled to six of the Philippine Islands, Luzon, Samar, Lyete, Bohol, Negros, Panay, and had 27 school and church meetings as well as their 32 basketball games.

Dr. Don Callan, Athletic Director and head basketball coach, got started with sports evangelism as he sought to work with missionaries Jim and Esther Entner. Jim Entner was the captain of Dr. Callan's first basketball team before going to the field. The first year the team traveled to Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines; and Cedarville College has now sent a team 8 out of the last 9 years.

Basketball was an excellent means of evangelism as the American and basketball are held in high esteem by the Filipino people. The team worked closely with the national pastors. The prestige of bringing Americans to the town gave the national pastor much more credibility in the eyes of the people.

the first note sung by the next group. The music did not stop until the entire program was completed.

The college's traveling Christian service teams were in retreat at Bethesda Baptist Church, Brownsburg, Indiana, October 9-11 to train and prepare for their coming year of ministry in churches around the country. Those from the college working with the teams at the retreat were Harold Green and Dick Torrens, Director and Assistant Director, respectively, of Christian Service, Miss Kathy Howell, Dr. Clifford Johnson, and Dr. David Matson.

Cedarville's Dale Shaw had the best overall time in the Grace Invitational Cross Country Meet on September 19 at Winona Lake, Indiana. The Cedarville team was third out of eight colleges participating.

Called To Serve As Assistant Pastor



Bruce and Terri Sparks

The Union Baptist Church, 528 North Main Street, Englewood, recently extended a call to Mr. Bruce Sparks to become Assistant to the Pastor in Youth and Education. Bruce and his wife Terri and their new son, Timothy (9/1/80) began their ministry on October 5, 1980.

Bruce is a graduate of Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio and plans to attend Seminary in the near future.

Terri is also a graduate of Cedarville College and hopes to teach in a Christian school.

Union Baptist Church and Pastor Charles J. Arnett, welcome them and trust God for a rewarding ministry to the youth of the Union-Englewood area.

The team played before crowds totaling over 50,000 people. At half time the Athletes for Christ would sing some gospel songs, give their testimony and then the national pastor from that area would restate the gospel message in the local dialect, giving him additional exposure to the people.

The success of the trip in the lives of people becomes evident as many of the pastors tell us of the new in-roads of ministry that have been opened to them. The success measured in the lives of lost Filipino people coming to know the Savior, and the success seen in the development of Christian character in our own athletes cannot be measured. Even with a win loss record of 0-32, the immeasurable success in the lives of people, whether national pastor, Filipino or athlete, is why the Athletes for Christ were sent.

Southwest Ohio Regular Baptist Pastor's Fellowship

At a meeting in September, the pastors of the Southwest Ohio Regular Baptist Pastors' Fellowship met at Cedarville College to elect officers for the coming year and to set up their program. Brother David Morris of the Grace Baptist Church in London, Ohio was elected Chairman and Brother Bradley Quick of the First Baptist Church in Blanchester, Ohio as Secretary.

Their schedule for future meetings reads as follows:

- Nov. 4, 1980 at Blessed Hope Bap. Church, Dayton
Ordination Council of David Tallman
- Dec. 9, 1980 at Bill Wheeler's home in Xenia
Christmas Fellowship for pastors and wives
Each couple will bring a dessert
- Jan. 6, 1981 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Xenia
Speaker-Rev. Bill Wheeler
Topic—"One In The Spirit"
For pastors and wives—Lunch provided by host church
- Feb., 1981 at Immanuel Bap. Xenia
Speaker-Ron Corriel
Topic—"Building Christian Character"
Eat at Ponderosa in Xenia first
- March, 1981 Place?
Speaker-David Haffey, Attorney
Topic-Church legal problems, personal wills, etc.

Employment Opportunity

JOB OPENINGS:

Carpenter, Plumber

Minimum Two Years Experience in Trade Field

Supervisory Experience Desired

Send Resume and Names of Four References To:

Director of Personnel

Cedarville College

Cedarville, Ohio 45314



Robert Gromacki, Th.D.

Professor - Author - Chairman,
Bible Department

Dr. Gromacki is one of ten outstanding faculty in the Bible Department at Cedarville College. Look at these names: Paul Dixon, Richard Durham, Jean Fisher, James Grier, Robert Gromacki, James T. Jeremiah, Richard McIntosh, Donald Parvin, Jack Riggs, and David Warren. These professors have been pastors, missionaries, and evangelists. They presently preach, conduct Bible conferences, write Sunday School literature, and author books. Yet their greatest love and main responsibilities involve training young people called of God to go into full- or part-time Christian work. Because of this faculty's wealth of experience and their dedicated lives, they are another reason why Cedarville College is LEADING THE WAY in quality Christian education.

**Tour
Biblelands & Bavaria
MARCH 16-27, 1981**

Jordan, Annman, Mt. Nebo, Petra, Israel, Masada, Jericho, Jerusalem, Galilee, Also, Vienna, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich

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ACROSS THE STATE

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our annual Father/Son banquet on October 11th. A great time was had by all!

AKRON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KENMORE—

We will be having Editor/State Representative Don Moffat and Mrs. Moffat with us for the Sunday services of November 24. We anticipate a time of blessing.

ASHLAND, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We are to be led in special meetings November 16 through 21 by Editor/State Representative Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. Mrs. Moffat will be performing at the piano during the week.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The theme for our Missionary Conference was "From Darkness To Light." Those participating included Florence Houck, Pastor and Mrs. John Jackson, and Brother Edward Nicka. We recently viewed the film - "In Remembrance."

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

We hosted the Baptist Mid-Missions Missionary Conference honoring their 60th year. Featured speakers included Dr. Allan Lewis, Dr. Raymond Buck, Dr. Margaret Laird, Rev. and Mrs. Joel Kettenring, Donn and Lynn Hauser, and Rev. Paul Johnson. Our pastor (Rev. Derwin Hauser) and his wife were honored on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Murdock were with us on October 26. Their singing blessed our hearts! We viewed the film - "The Christian Family." We had an "All-Church" potluck dinner on September 28th.

BLUFFTON,

RILEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were blessed in our special meetings with Brother Norm Sharbaugh. Our deacons and our pastor (Rev. Harold Guthrie) held an all-day retreat at the Imperial Motel in Findlay, Ohio. They were joined in the evening by their wives.

BUCYRUS,

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our O.I.B. editor and State Representative (and his wife, Lois) were with us for our anniversary Sunday, November 9. The Lord poured forth blessing.

CALDWELL,

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. Dain Canterbury spoke at one of our Mid-week Prayer services recently.

CANTON,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionary Bob Powley was with us recently. Our people had a good time at their annual Sunday School picnic. Editor/State Repres. Don Moffat and Mrs. Moffat ministered here on Sunday, October 19.

CANTON,

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Bill Roloff, Program Director of the Regular Baptist Camp, Lake Ann, Michigan, spoke here on September 7. We recently had the film - "In Remembrance."

CANTON,

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our missionaries, Bob and Sara Ann Flaming were with us on September 24. We held our 10th Annual Missionary Conference September 27 through October 1. At the conference we had the film - "Peace Child." Rev. Sami Kanani and Rev. and Mrs. Ronald England were our missionary speakers. In early October we had Rev. and Mrs. Dave Murdoch here to present a musical concert.

CEDARVILLE,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Kingsmen Quartet from Cedarville College ministered here. Their music proved a blessing. Brother Harold Green gave a report to our people concerning his ministry in Australia.

COLUMBUS,

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Fall Bible Conference with Bible Teacher - Dr. Lehman Strauss proved a rich blessing on our people. This was held October 26 through 31.

COLUMBUS,

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We viewed the film - "The Coming Invasion of Israel." We have extended a call to Rev. John K. Eichmann of Seattle, Washington to be our pastor. He has accepted this call and is now in Columbus serving as our new pastor.

COLUMBUS,

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Lord richly blessed in our meetings with Evangelist Norman Sharbaugh. This was our Harvest Crusade. Also in October, we were privileged to have Rev. Leones, President of Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute, Philippines (Manila).

COLUMBUS,

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held an Anniversary Sunday on September 21st. This marked the 15th anniversary of our church. It is thrilling to see all that God has done through these years! - "To God be the glory!" Recently we had as missionary guests - Rev. and Mrs. Bill Miller. They are missionaries to Spain.

COLUMBUS,

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We appreciated the ministry of AWANA missionary - Brother Ken Starett. Also, Patsy King was with us to tell of her work in Central African Republic. The President of Cedarville College, Dr. Paul Dixon, spoke here on September 21.

CUYAHOGA FALLS,

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our church picnic on September 20. The ladies had their Mother/Daughter retreat at Skyview Ranch.

DAYTON,

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in special meetings September 14 through 17. Recently a representative of the Gideons ministered here. Rev. Howard Silverman of the American Board of Missions to the Jews was with us for a "Jewish Mission Sunday."

DAYTON,

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church hosted the Southwest Area Ohio Pastors' Fellowship on Tuesday, October 7. Pastor Larry Fetzter conducted a workshop on the topic: "Preaching on Nature and the Bible." Information and illustrations were given on developing messages concerning the Animals, Birds and Astronomy of the Bible.

DEFIANCE,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We viewed the film - "Red Runs The River." On October 25 we had a special Progressive Dinner.

DELAWARE,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We appreciated the ministry of State Representative Don Moffat and that of his wife, Lois. The Lord spoke to hearts in their special meetings and some made vital decisions. The Lord gave us a very good attendance. Our work is growing steadily for which we praise the Lord.

DUNDEE,

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ministry of missionary Leonard Meznar (Cleveland Hebrew Mission/Brazil) proved a blessing and a challenge. We recently held a Weiner Roast for our members and friends.

ELYRIA,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held special meetings with Evangelist Jimmy O'Quinn. Rev. Steve Olsen ministered here on September 21st.

EUCLID,

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH—

Evangelist Bill Compton was with us for our Fall Revival. Also, Rev. David Sizemore (ABWE-Paraguay) and Rev. Robert Hays (BMM-Utah) ministered here.

FAIRBORN,

GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a good time at our Sunday School picnic in early September. Recently Rev. Jack Lee and Dr. Martin Clark ministered here. We will be having our Missionary Conference - November 5 through 9. Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Dunn and Rev. and Mrs. Stan Holman will be with us.

FINDLAY,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in an evangelistic series by Evangelist Fred Brown October 12 through 19. We held an Adult Fall Retreat in late September.

FINDLAY,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our annual Missionary Conference October 4 through 8. Those participating were Rev. Fred Jensen (Van Wert, Ohio) - Rev. Charles Cuthbertson (FBHM) - Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cecil (ABWE-Philippines) - Rev. and Mrs. Larry Pope (BIM-Philippines) - and Rev. Charles Sansbury (BMM-Brook Park, Ohio). We will be led in a special evangelistic series by Editor/State Re-

presentative Don Moffat. His wife, Lois will be presenting special piano solos.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH—

We will be having Editor/State Representative Don Moffat and his wife, Lois with us on Wednesday evening, November 12. We will have a dinner at the church. Mrs. Moffat will play several piano solos and Brother Moffat will show slides of their journey around the world.

FRAZEYSBURG,

FALLSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Lord is blessing the work here! This summer we had a good V.B.S. We held an annual Mother/Daughter Day in August. The theme was a "This Is Your Life" program honoring Annabelle Babcock. Our pastor, Rev. Thomas Baxter resigned on August 31. This was a very unhappy day for our church. We celebrated our sixth anniversary as a church on September 28.

GALION,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. E. Large (ABWE-Peru) were with us on September 7. We appreciated the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Leones (Philippines). Also, missionary Gwendolyn Geens was with us to present the challenge of Bangladesh.

GALLIPOLIS,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

While our pastor was attending the 50th Wedding Anniversary of his parents in Spokane, Washington, Mr. Charles Monroe (Baptist Children's Home - Springfield, Ohio) filled our pulpit. Our pastor (Rev. Lynn Lahaie) was asked to speak at the National Convention to the chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol. We will be having special meetings with Evangelist Norm Sharbaugh November 16 through 23.

HUBBARD,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Vacation Bible School in late August was blessed of the Lord. We had Brother Dan Riader (ABWE appointee to Japan) with us on September 7.

LONDON,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Mr. Don Bartemus spoke here Sunday evening - August 31.

LORAIN,

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Robert Jones of Baptist Mid-Missions ministered here Sunday morning and evening - October 12.

MEDINA,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

It was a lot of work but worth it all-hosting the annual OARBC conference this past October 20, 21, 22. The messages and the fellowship were excellent! Our missionary conference will be held November 8 - 12. The theme for the conference is - "Completing the Roll." Missionaries to be present at the conference are the Friebers, Smelsers, Houck and Buerers.

NEWARK,

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had Mike DiCurci, Band Director and Music Educator at Cedarville College on September 28. We began our AWANA ministries on October 21. Former pastor - Brother Don Curtis (FBHM) spoke here on October 19. Also missionary Tom Baxter brought a report to the church on October 26.

NILES,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Miss Jane Kilko spoke to our ladies recently. It was a delight to have former pastor, Rev. Fred Hussey, minister to us. Other speakers have been Brother Jeff Scaggs, Brother Kevin Boggs, and Rev. Eugene McMillan.

NORTH JACKSON,

BAILEY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. Bob Kilko, missionary to Brazil, was with us on September 7. On the 10th of September Mark and Debbie Seymour were here to tell of their call to the Chad under BMM. We held a Christian Education Seminar September 13 and 20. September 21 was our Rally Day.

NORTH MADISON,

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a great time at our annual Labor Day picnic. We had a good turnout for this time of fun and fellowship. David and Linda Morell (Hiawatha Baptist Missions) spoke here on September 11. Our AWANA program is moving right along!

NORTH OLMSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were privileged to have Rev. Mariano Leones, President of the Baptist Bible Seminary in Manila, Philippines as guest speaker at one of

our mid-week services. Missionary Roger Wells was with us on Sept. 28th. At a recent business meeting, we voted to call Brother Russ Tarr to continue as assistant to our pastor.

ORANGE VILLAGE,

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our annual Missionary Conference October 18 through 22. Our ladies will be holding their Fall banquet - November 1.

PATASKALA,

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We recently viewed the film - "A distant Thunder." We are experiencing blessing through our AWANA program.

PAULDING,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Ken and Dawn Houghton, missionary appointees to Great Britain ministered here. Also, Cecil and Claire presented a musical program. This was on October 19. We covet the prayers of our O.I.B. readers as we seek the Lord's leading in choosing a new pastor.

PORTSMOUTH,

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Missionary Conference proved a time of blessing. Those taking part included: Mark and Debbie Seymour (BMM-Chad), Dan and Terri Cecil (ABWE-Philippines), Don and Lois Moffat (OARBC-State Representative), Evelyn Regier (BMM-Japan), Gerolyn Virgilio (BMM-Navajo) and Marvin Fray (BMM-Brazil).

SALEM,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our adult class had a chicken Bar-B-Q. Pastor Fred Robb furnished the homemade ice cream for some 43 adults! We had missionary Dave Gerhardt and his family here.

SMITHVILLE,

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our 5th anniversary on September 14. Former pastor - Larry Pittman was the guest speaker. A carry-in dinner followed the morning message. Rev. Arnold P. Olsen, the father of our pastor and Vice President of Spurgeon Baptist College, was with us for a Bible Conference October 6 through 10.

STREETSBORO,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were given a steeple for our church building. It was the steeple that once stood on the Highview Avenue Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio. They now have a new one and graciously gave this one to us. It greatly enhances our building. The work here continues to move forward for which we are most thankful.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST TABERNACLE—

We will be hosting the Bethany Youth Fellowship Rally on November 15 - 7:00 p.m. Brother Bill Maher will be leading us in special evangelistic meetings November 16 through 21.

STRYKER,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in a Bible Conference by Dr. Martin Clark of Cedarville College. On October 24 we held our Father/Son banquet and on the 26th, Rev. Leonard Meznar (Cleveland Hebrew Mission - Brazil) spoke here.

TALLMADGE,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionary Royal Jones (Brazil) spoke here on September 21. We viewed the film - "Mind-benders." Rev. Curtis Thomas, Director of the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission ministered here on September 28. We were led in special meetings by Evangelist Jimmie Dunne. The dates were October 5 - 10. Our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Johnson celebrated their 40th anniversary by taking a vacation in Europe. They left on September 18 and returned home on October 3rd.

TOLEDO,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Life Action Singers presented AMERICA. This was inspiring! Dr. Thomas Younger, President of Western Baptist College ministered here on Sunday morning, October 26.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ministry of Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Chancellor of Cedarville College, proved a blessing to our people. He led us in a Bible Conference October 5 through 8.

XENIA,

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We have been running the film series - "Focus on the Family." It has proved a help and an inspiration. Brother Mike Coyle, gifted tenor soloist and outstanding French horn artist, performed here on October 19.

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Baptist Bible College Of Clarks Summit News

Over nine hundred students have enrolled in Baptist Bible College and School of Theology, Clarks Summit, Pa, for the fall semester. The College has 821 students and the School of Theology 88. In light of the increasing enrollment at BBC, ground was broken on September 10 for a new dormitory for women. The dorm will house 66 women.

The annual Alumni Bible Conference was held during the week of October 6-10. Featured speakers were Dr. John Balyo, Dr. John Benson and Dr. David Nettleton. Workshops were led by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Burch, Rev. and Mrs. John Frey, Rev. Darris Hauser and Rev. Rovers Newman.

On Saturday, October 11, nearly one thousand parents and other family members gathered on the campus for Parent's Day. Events included a noon luncheon, a varsity soccer game, a buffet dinner, and an evening program of music and drama.

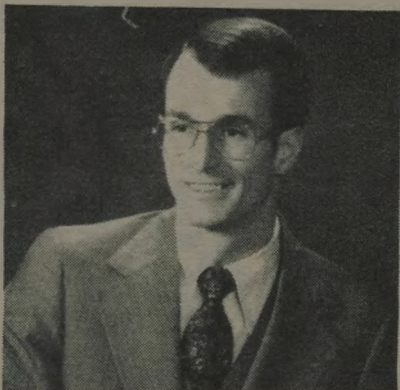


Reigning over the day's activities were these girls: (See picture below) - Front: Natalie Ensley, Jill Tassell, Marilyn Emert, Tammi Sims, Susan Hooper. Back: Beth McGrew, Claudia Buck and Shelly Hauser.

Dr. Gary Hauck, a recent addition to the BBC Biblical Studies Division, was the featured speaker in a Theology Night held on October 21. His topic was "An Evaluation of the Science of Psychology with Reference to Systematic Theology." Brother Hauck is also the author of the book - "Is Your Church What God Meant It To Be?"

Doug Lawrence, renowned baritone and vocal clinician, will hold a workshop for church soloists and choir members on the campus November 12-14. They will conclude with an Artist Series concert November 14.

Campus Chats



Rev. Don Trott

Dear O.I.B. Family:

The training that I received at Baptist Bible College gave me the solid theological and practical foundation for the work to which God has called me. The Biblical teaching was ministered by a faculty who lived and practiced the truth they taught. Required

"The Miracle Of Maranatha"

The Maranatha Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio (Dr. William A. Brock, Pastor) celebrated their 15th anniversary on Sunday, September 21st. The services of the day were very well attended. Pastor Brock delivered both the morning and evening messages. Special music was presented by Professor Charles Pagnard of Cedarville College. Hearts were blessed! Dr. Brock and his people greatly rejoice in the goodness of the Lord for His guidance, wisdom, and blessing down through the years!

The work began in September of '65. The first service was held in a public school building (North Franklin School). By December of the same year, the present property was purchased. The following April in '65 they were recognized as a duly organized Baptist Church. They held a "groundbreaking" service for their first building in November of '66. This building was completed and occupied in May of '67.

September of 1969 marks the beginning of Maranatha Christian School. Their present lovely auditorium became a reality in February of '72. The first phase of their 2-story education building was completed in June of '72 and the 2nd phase in August of '75. A garage in which to house their buses was erected in October of '72. The new High School building was ready for occupancy in '78. This past year (1979) two new acres of land were purchased and a gymnasium completed.

One wonders - WHAT NEXT? It has been a thrilling story of growth from a small humble beginning to a successful thriving work...and all - TO THE GLORY OF GOD! It is indeed - "THE MIRACLE OF MARANATHA."

West Moriah Elects Officers

The newly elected officers of the West Moriah Fellowship are: Moderator - Rev. Larry Smith (Associate Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus), Vice Moderator - Rev. Tom Wright, Jr. (Pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus) and Secretary/Treasurer - Rev. Jim Hostetler (Berean Baptist Church in Pickerington). Meetings planned for the coming year will have a great variety. For example, the November 18th meeting which will be held at the Clintonville Baptist Church (Rev. George Hattenfield, Pastor), 35 Oakland Park Avenue in Columbus will center on the theme - "visitation."

Christian service ministries for all students was used of God to help me recognize the abilities He has given to me for His glory.

In addition to my training there, BBC manifested a deep concern for my wife as well in her preparation for service with me. Through the Godly counsel of men like Dr. Mead Armstrong, she was encouraged as well as assisted in her selection of studies, thus enabling her to be a more effective helpmate.

Words cannot express my deepest heartfelt gratitude for the excellent training I received at BBC. Ruth and I will be eternally grateful.

Sincerely in Him,

Don Trott
Director of Missions Department
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PAID ADV.

It is your editor's opinion that that which has happened is because of the heavy emphasis placed on prayer by this pastor and his people. God has heard - HE HAS ANSWERED!

On the back of the Maranatha Baptist Church bulletin for this 15th anniversary service, there appeared the following -

THE BESSINGS

THESE 15 YEARS OF THE WORK OF THE LORD AT MARANATHA HAVE PLACED A GREAT EMPHASIS AND PRACTICE ON BIBLICAL PRAYING.

Can you remember praying and receiving some of these answers?

- The house and land purchase in 1965.
- The plan and first building in 1967
- The staff provided to begin the school in 1969
- The beginning of "Maranatha" paper and its outreach these past 12 years
- The approval of the elementary school by the State Board of Ed-

ucation upon first examination in 1971

- The many times as buildings were constructed, that we prayed weekly for funds
- The supplying of teachers for the school as vacancies and additions were needed without recruitment
- The supplying of money for needed school vehicles in 1973
- The faith promise challenge and supplying for the building of 1974
- The raising of \$10,000.00 for Cedarville Chapel
- The many times people have been healed because of prayer
- The high school construction in 1978 and the many obstacles
- The changing of the city building department regarding use of the high school building
- The numerous times we have stopped our services to pray for a specific need
- The visible answers to prayer these past few months
- We continue to pray for the property tax exemption

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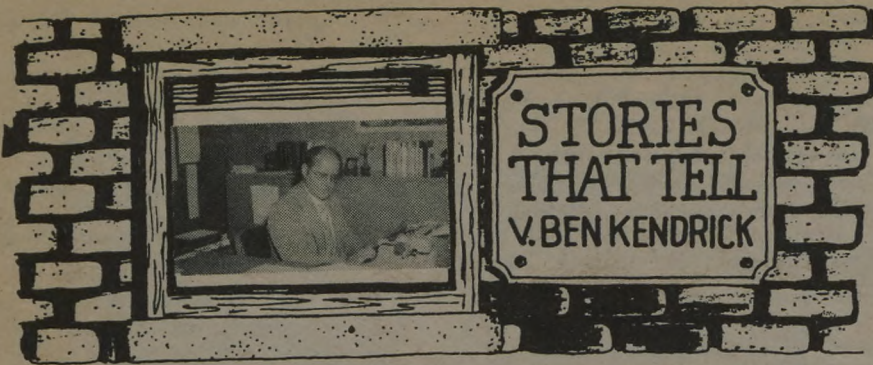
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Food For The Crocodiles

"YOU ARE GOING TO DIE because you have taken the side of the missionaries in our struggle to be independent. We have made an oath, sealed by our blood, to cut up your body and feed it to the crocodiles."

Pastor Eli Kepa knew he had enemies because of his uncompromising stand on the Word of God, but he never thought that anyone would threaten to take his life because of it. Eli had just returned to his house from his garden and had found the note fastened to the door of his hut. He knew that the men who wrote the note meant every word they said and that they would carry out their threat as soon as possible.

"Father," he prayed, as he stood looking at the note on the door, "I only want to honor and glorify You. If I am to die for Your name, then help me to die as a brave soldier of the cross."

Reaching up, he took the note, folded it and slipped it into his pocket. "I don't want Marie to know about this."

"Hello, Pastor," called several children walking by. "How are you today?"

Eli looked up from the fire he was building for the evening meal. "I'm fine, thank you," he answered. "Don't forget to come to children's class tomorrow morning. We have something special for you." The pastor was thinking of the overnight trip he and Marie planned to take with their young people.

Within a short time, Eli had a hot fire going. He pulled up a handmade folding chair and sat by the fire, waiting for Marie to return from the garden.

Again the words of the note invaded his thinking. Reaching into his pocket, Eli pulled out the soiled piece of paper and read it over and over again. He was surprised by the sudden appearance of Marie.

"What's wrong, Eli? You look troubled," asked his faithful companion. Eli and Marie had been married for twenty-five years. Their two daughters, who married brothers, had been gone from their parents' home for six years. Marie, after all these years of marriage, could easily tell when something was on her husband's heart.

Eli knew that he had to share the contents of the note with his wife. "Perhaps it is best that you read it, Marie. I found it fastened to the door when I returned home from the garden this afternoon."

Marie took the note from her husband and began to read the scribbled handwriting. A serious look spread across her face, for she, too, knew that whoever wrote the note meant what he said. Her husband's life was threatened and, humanly speaking, he was doomed to die.

"We serve a great God, Eli," said Marie, handing the note back to her husband. "He can and will protect you. I'm going to ask Him to spare your life so you can give Him more years of service."

As Eli took the note from his wife, he prayed within his heart, "Thank You, Lord, for Marie. Whatever comes out of this, I want Your will to be done."

In spite of the threatening letter he had received that afternoon, Eli and Marie invited the families on each side of them to eat with them that evening. It was a

common sight to see several visitors eating with the pastor and his wife in the evening. They loved to have company, and Marie had the reputation of being one of the finest cooks in the area.

After their guests had returned home, Marie and Eli sat by the kerosene lamp in their small house, discussing the message of the note. "I feel sorry for our people," Eli said, looking across the table at Marie. "Why, our missionaries and we pastors have nothing to do with our people obtaining their independence. In fact, if anyone has any independence in this land, it is our Christian population. Every one of our national churches is pastored by a national pastor. Our churches handle their own funds, pay their own pastors, and carry out their own church government. We are independent any way that you look at it."

Marie nodded her approval as Eli continued. "Our missionaries have done nothing to us or to our people to merit harm or expulsion from our country. Now, because we pastors defend our missionaries, many of our fellow tribesmen look upon us as traitors."

At last Eli and Marie retired for the night, leaving the matter in God's hands.

Marie opened her eyes and stirred as she heard a nearby rooster crow. Slipping quietly out of bed, she went outside to start the fire and prepare breakfast.

"I have to go to Sarh today," said Eli, as he drank the last drop of coffee from his cup. "The pastors are coming in to talk over this whole situation. It has been brewing for some time now, and we know one man involved in stirring up trouble has spent some time in Russia. I am sure that this so-called nationalistic spirit would not be as explosive if it were not for this outside interference."

Eli was always glad for the opportunity to fellowship with his fellow pastors. He felt the discussions were profitable, and he came away from their meeting determined more than ever before that they needed to take a firm stand on the Word of God and not turn against the missionaries whom God had sent to work among them.

"This road is sure quiet and a lonely place to be this time of the day," thought Eli to himself as he peddled his bicycle toward Balimba. It was only four miles between Balimba and Sarh, but once the sun was down, the road along the river was completely deserted, mainly due to fear and superstitious beliefs by the Sara tribe.

"I'm almost home," whispered Eli as he approached the bridge.

All of a sudden, a man appeared out of the darkness and came toward the pastor. He held a sharp throwing weapon above his head. Eli stopped his bicycle.

"Now I have you," sneered the stranger, waving the weapon in Eli's face. "Did you receive our note? Have you heard of our decision to kill you?" Without giving Eli a chance to answer, he continued, "I'm going to kill you right here and take your head with me to show to my comrades."

The pastor stepped toward the stranger and looked directly into his eyes. "Yes, I received your note. I read how you've threatened to cut up my body and feed it to the crocodiles."

Eli glanced at the nearby river as he spoke. "Here I am. You can take me and kill me. I'll not stop you. Cut me up and feed me to the crocodiles."

The stranger lowered the weapon to his shoulder as Eli continued.

"I belong to the Lord. You can destroy my body, but you can't harm my soul. It is safely secured by my God."

The man stood silently and seemed somewhat bewildered as to what to do. He finally dropped his weapon to his side. "Pastor," he said in a shaky voice, "I was hired to kill you. Never have I seen anyone with such courage. Your God has given you strength to say what you said tonight."

The stranger turned and threw the weapon into the river. "I must go now," he said, "but may I come to your house tomorrow to hear about your God?"

"Of course you can," answered the pastor. "I would like to tell you about Him now."

"No," he answered, looking over his shoulder; "I must go, and you must hurry on home. They may come any minute, and I don't want them to catch us. I will come to your house tomorrow at this same time."

The two men shook hands, and the stranger disappeared into the darkness.

That night as Eli shared with Marie what had happened, a big smile came across her face. "Remember our conversation, Eli?" she asked. "I told you that I was asking God to spare your life for more years of service for Him. Not only has He done this, but you will have the opportunity to witness to the one who was hired to kill you."

In his heart, Eli thanked God for Marie.

Faith Baptist Bible College News

Fall semester began on August 21 with 440 students. The Student-statistical breakdown is: Freshmen - 141, Sophomores - 86, Juniors - 69, and Seniors - 123. There are 18 Unclassified students.

Ninety married couples are represented in the student body, with thirteen having both husband and wife in school. There are 24 students with one or more brothers and/or sisters also attending FBBC. Second generation students number 35, plus there are 30 PKs and 19 MKs. Thirty-three states and foreign countries are represented in the student body.

This fall's drama is titled, "A Man Called Peter" by Catherine Marshall. The production will be performed in the Gym-Convocation Building on November 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m.

The Winter Concert will be held in the Gym-Convocation Building on December 12 at 7:30 p.m. The message of this year's concert is - "The Power and The Glory." Each of the large music groups in the college will participate in this Christmas musical written by Mr. Charles Bergerson, Chairman of the Sacred Music Department.

An Installation Service was held for Dr. Gordon Shipp, new president of Faith Baptist Bible College on Friday evening, October 31st.

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

Someone said, "If you want to hear the voice of God, get into His Word." This is true not only in personal studies but also in the area of formal Bible training. The GARBC-approved mission agencies place the importance of teaching God's Word as top priority along with evangelism and church planting. That is the purpose for the Bible colleges and institutes that are a vital part in their worldwide outreach.

One such school that was started as a result of one missionary's vision has now celebrated 50 years of service in advancing the gospel in the Philippines. Dr. Raphael Thomas was an American missionary doctor to the Islands. Through his efforts, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism started its work in the Visayan section of the Philippines. Dr. Thomas also pioneered a gospel ministry in the capital city of Manila. As men and women came to know Christ as Savior, he realized the future of a strong Filipino church would eventually rest upon Biblically prepared nationals. Thus in 1930 the Manila Evangelistic Institute was founded. It was a small beginning in rented quarters with a few students. Soon property was purchased in Manila to house both the Bible school and the First Baptist Church. Year by year godly ABWE missionaries trained Filipino men and women to carry the gospel to their own people. Pastors, evangelists, Bible women and teachers from M.E.I. left their mark upon the spiritual life of the Philippines. Then the cataclysmic events of World War II closed the school. The buildings were destroyed during the Battle of Manila in 1945.

After the war, the school again opened its doors, but this time as the Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute in Manila, and later on a new campus 15 miles out of the metropolitan area.

Over the course of half a century, Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute has not faltered in its devotion to Christ, its loyalty to fundamental Christianity as declared in the Scriptures, and its high regard for true scholarship and practical service for Christ. Today Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute is staffed by Filipino President, Rev. Mariano Leones, and other dedicated nationals who carry on the original purpose of its founder, training men and women to carry the gospel throughout the Philippines and beyond.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS. On October 15, Baptist Mid-Missions celebrated its 60th birthday. A special time was set aside in the Cleveland home office for testimonies, reports and prayer. Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, also took part in the day's activities by hosting the home office personnel for dinner. Dr. C. Raymond Buck, along with veteran missionary nurse, Dr. Margaret Laird, Donn and Lynn Hauser (Alaska), Rev. Paul and Judy Johnson (Italy) and Joel and Pauline Kettenring participated in the mission conference at that time.

First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, also had a special service with Dr. Allan E. Lewis, President of Baptist Mid-Missions, bringing the message. It was at First Baptist Church back in 1920 that Baptist Mid-Missions was born. Allow me to share with you the accounts of the establishment of the mission as it is recorded in a mission manual.

"On October 15, 1920, a group of Baptist pastors and laymen, summoned together by Mr. Haas, met in the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, and organized the General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions of North America, Inc. The Mission was subsequently incorporated in the state of Ohio, and the Articles of Incorporation filed November 7, 1921, were signed by A. H. Bond, E. B. Carbaugh, J. A. Okey, Rev. J. E. LaReave, Rev. W. S. Bradshaw, Allison DeNise, E. S. Carman, and O. G. Nichols. These were all men who took a positive stand against modernism and compromise, and the new mission was committed at its very outset to our historic Baptist faith. God's blessing was manifested quickly when the first group of six missionaries sailed on November 23, 1920. Led by the founder of the Mission, Rev. William Haas, the pioneer party consisted of Mrs. Rowena Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosenau. The new mission was recognized by French authorities and the occupation of French Equatorial Africa had begun.

The work in Africa was known as the Mid-Africa Mission. From this early field title sprang the popular, but unofficial name, Mid-Missions, by which the Mission was known for many years. On August 23, 1953, the cumbersome official name, General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions of North America, Inc. was dropped and the present corporate name, Baptist Mid-Missions, was adopted.

From this small beginning of six missionaries in one country, the work has grown in a remarkable way under the Lord's direction. Today, Baptist Mid-Missions is a family of 1,200 and is represented in nearly 40 countries. God has abundantly blessed the mission in its spread of the gospel and its uncompromising stand on the Word of God.

Happy Birthday, Baptist Mid-Missions.

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Unusual Ordination

Thirty years ago in August, Mel Keeler was ordained by an interdenominational group of pastors at Cannon Beach, Oregon. For the next three years he was a missionary pastor under Village Missions in California and Oregon. The Lord led the family back east where for the next twenty-two years he pastored Regular Baptist Churches in Marlette and Weston, Mich.; Gowanda, N.Y.; and North Royalton, Ohio. For the past seven years he has served as Field Representative for Shepherds Home and School for the Mentally Retarded. A year ago in April the Keeler home was badly damaged by fire and his ordination papers were lost.

The Keeler's oldest daughter, Sandra planned to be married in September and desired that her father and Dr. Wood perform the wedding ceremony. Thus, the need for an ordination certificate and the desire of Brother Keeler for a Baptist ordination led to a discussion with his pastor, Henry Halblaub of First Baptist Church of Stryker, Ohio, the Keelers home church.

The church voted at a business meeting to call for an ordination council of fellowshiping churches in the area which met on Monday, September 8th at First Baptist Church of Stryker. There were 20 messengers representing 14 area G.A.R.B.C. churches. Dr. Ernest

Pickering was elected moderator and Rev. Bruce Snyder, clerk. Brother Keeler gave his testimony of salvation and his call to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Following the personal testimony of the candidate, his Doctrinal Statement was given and a time of examination followed. The doctrines covered were as follows: Scriptures, God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Man, Salvation, Church, Last Things, Baptist Distinctives. Dr. Andrew Wood, Executive Director of Shepherds, Inc.; Union Grove, Wisconsin, moved that the questions cease and the council moved into executive session. Seconded by Harold Guthrie, and passed. A time of discussion by the council was held, and it was moved by Rev. Richard Pettitt that the church proceed with the ordination of Brother Keeler. It was supported by Rev. Clifford Boessel, and passed. It was moved by Pastor Clifford Boessel that the council commend the candidate for the good spirit displayed during the questions. Seconded by Rev. J. Wheeling and passed.

The Ordination Service was held on September 14 at 7:30 P.M. The Ordination message was delivered by Rev. Henry L. Halblaub from Colossians 1:24-29. Two deacons brought the charge to the church and to the candidate. Mr. Ken Juillard brought the charge to the church, and Mr. Dick Ruffer brought the charge to the candidate. A time of refreshment and fellowship followed the service in honor of the Keelers.

Faithful Servants Now "With The Lord"

Just recently two very fine missionaries were called "home" by the Lord. Both of them had served Him faithfully. What joy must be their's, being in the presence of their lovely Lord!

The missionaries are: Rev. Newland Pfaff and Rev. Tom Pann. Brother Pfaff and his wife served the Lord under Baptist Mid-Missions in the country of Japan. For a time, also, he had served as a chaplain in our Armed Forces. During their latter years they were living and ministering in Arizona. Brother Pann and his wife were serving under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism in Papua, New Guinea. They had only recently returned to the United States as Mrs. Pann was in need of medical attention. While here at home, Brother Pann took seriously ill. He went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 23rd.

Let us be much in prayer for the widows and children of these men. The loss of Newland Pfaff and Tom Pann will be felt not only here at home, but in the regions beyond as well!

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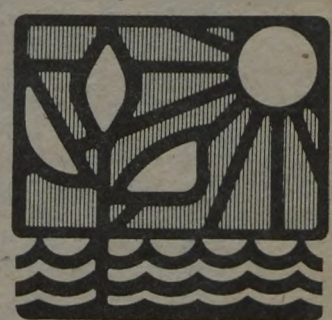
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Introducing Our OARBC Young People

GOD WORKS IN SPECIAL WAYS

Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.
Pastor William Brock

Pastor would like to introduce one of their teens, Vickie Hopkins, a recent graduate from high school. Vickie came to know the Lord as Savior at Sunday evening church at age 10. Now she shares how God worked in her life.



Vickie Hopkins

God has worked in my life in special ways. About 8 years ago my sister was taken to the hospital for what was to be a routine check. She wound up being in for 2 months with weights stretching her neck, and needles stuck in her head to hold the weights on. This was a critical time for my whole family. Especially for Valerie but also for me. I realized, when this happened that God would do anything he wanted to, to anyone, at anytime. This made a deep impression on me and has helped me in willingness to serve Him, because of what He can do for you if you obey Him. The blessings are uncountable when you follow what he has in store for you.

My favorite verse of scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me . . ." Because it tells me that with Christ nothing is impossible.

ACTIVE IN THE LORD'S WORK

Kathy O'Keefe is a member of the Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. George O'Keefe. She is a 1980 graduate of Parma Senior High School where she was



Kathy O'Keefe

Vice-President of the National Honor Society. She was also included in Who's Who among American High School Students for two years.

Her testimony: I was brought up in a minister's home with saved parents and family and, therefore, knew the truths of the Bible and Christ as my Savior early in life. But a true, personal realization of salvation came to me at the age of eight. As I have gone through twelve years of public school and especially this last year as a Senior, I have realized how important it is to know the Bible and to have a true belief in Christ and His power to help me stand up for my beliefs and to be a witness in school. Through prayer I have learned that Christ can help with the many deci-



BIBLE STORIES - (by John R. Rice, The Sword of the Lord, Box 1099, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130, 1979; 445 pages; \$9.95)

After reading through this Bible Story book, I came away with the conclusion that this book must have a limited scope in use with children. It would seem that it is best suited for children between the ages of 8 to 12 years. In some of the Bible stories the accounts include suppositions regarding the background, as well as, imaginary conversations not actually recorded in the Bible. Older children, I believe, would understand this, but smaller children might tend to accept that the Bible actually says these things. I believe with smaller children - it must be used with caution.

The book has a lot of attractive and graphic illustrations that catch the eye and give a dramatic portrayal of the story under consideration.

In the chapter, for instance, that tells of the Lord's burial after Calvary, there are two pictures of tombs shown and an explanation of just how bodies were cared for when buried. In several places, local customs were referred to which helped in understanding better the stories.

I cannot say this is the best Bible Story book I have read or used. I believe it could be helpful if the user would explain to the children, as stories are being read, what is actually in the Bible and what is not. The pictures would especially be interesting to the children and are among the best I have seen in a Bible Story book.

sions and problems that occur and make the solutions much easier.

I am grateful for concerned parents who have given good counseling to me especially when I had troubles with future plans and decisions along with school work and friends. They have always, and will continue, to guide me with Biblical advice which is the best kind. As I will be on my own at college for the coming years, I know that my previous training along with my own beliefs will continue to guide me and help me continue to stand up for Christ and the Bible on which those beliefs are based.

Her youth leader: This year I purposely placed much responsibility on her because I felt she was capable of blossoming into a fine leader. She performed everything that was asked of her admirably. She made my job quite a bit easier this last year. I look forward to seeing Kathy go as far as her desire takes her in her Christian life.

At Brookside she is a Junior Church Teacher, Choir member, piano player, and Day Camp Counselor and Teacher.

THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL (by Leon J. Wood - Regular Baptist Press, 1300 North Meacham Road, Box 95500, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195; 1979; 405 pages; \$11.95)

This book will go down as a classic! Dr. Wood compiled in this book a careful and thorough study of all the prophets of Israel. He does not concentrate on their writings but on the men themselves explaining that "when one sees them as people, in the day and circumstances in which they lived, he has a distinct advantage in understanding what they wrote."

In the first 114 pages, he gives us a solid study of the meaning and history of the ministry of prophesying. Then in the next chapter he gives an overview of the Old Testament prophets regarding their time of ministry and their relation to each other. All this information is contained in part one of the book. Part two then deals with the prophets themselves. One thing I greatly enjoyed was the background material which Dr. Wood brought to light. The research contained in this work is that of a life-time.

Pastors and laymen would benefit from the arrangement and content of these chapters! This study includes all the writing and non-writing prophets. No one is left out.

This is one book that will not sit on your library shelf. It is usable! It gets you into the Book of Books. It opens the door to a rich background concerning these men.

DIVINE HEALING UNDER THE SEARCHLIGHT (by Samuel Fisk, Regular Baptist Press, 1300 North Meacham Road, Box 95500, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195; 1978; 110 pages; \$2.25)

"Send me your donation and I'll send you a 'blessed hankie' and the healing power of God will touch you." We're hearing a lot of that kind of talk these days. God warns us that in the last days there would be those with "itching palms" seeking to deceive others to make money.

This is a great book that looks closely at the present day healing craze. It is examined in the light of the scriptures. Every pastor should have a copy of this book in his library. It ought to be in the home of every believer. This is a solid, scriptural, and gracious work on healing as it is taught in the Bible.

Some of the chapter headings include - New Testament Passages Examined - Old Testament Passages Considered - Healing and the Atonement - The Purpose of Miraculous Healing - Understanding Present-day Healings!"

Author Fisk holds us to the scriptures in all cases. He makes a wise observation in relation to the healing of Christ and the apostles in contrast to the present-day so-called healings. For example - "In the New Testament the healings on the whole were instantaneous, not gradual; complete, not partial; lasting, not momentary; all-inclusive, not selective." What a far cry these are from what is witnessed today in "centers of healing!"

This is a lot of book for the money. It will help to keep you from being confused and ensnared by the teachings of such men as Oral Roberts and the like.

TEENAGE REBELLION, How to recognize it, deal with it, prevent it (Truman E. Dollar and Grace H. Ketterman, M.D. - Fleming H. Revell, Old Tappan, New Jersey; 1979; 206 pages - \$7.95)

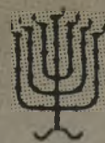
Anyone with teenagers or children in the home will immediately be interested in this book. There are a lot of books being written these days on the home, children, and marriage. However, not all of the material is beneficial and much of it is just not Biblical! In recent years there has been a trend to lean heavily upon psychology for answers to home problems. In this book, you have a unique balance. A pastor and a born-again child psychologist take a Biblical approach to the problem of teenage rebellion. The Bible itself is our God-given family guide. I believe the authors leave us with this conviction. This book covers, among other things, a section on the "runaway American", which deals with the student movements in America in the sixties.

Chapter five answers the question: "What went wrong in the Home?", and chapter seven is a real eye-opener - "The Father - More Than a Biological Necessity." Probably the chapter that is the most outstanding is chapter eight - "Cure For Rebellion".

The simple conclusion this book leaves you with is three-fold: "Rebellious children have existed since the beginning of time" - "Rebellion can be prevented by building of a child from birth" - and "The main cure for rebellion must be a spiritual cure."

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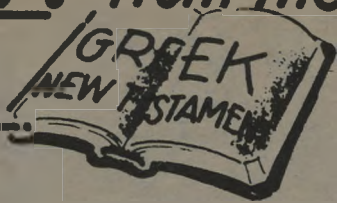


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The Man Who Is Spiritual --- *Pneumatikos*...

In 1 Cor. 3:1, Paul addresses the Corinthian people, and says: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." He strikes a definite contrast between "spiritual" and "carnal." These Corinthians are "brethren" i.e. saved people, but the apostle is unable to speak to them as those whose minds center upon spiritual things and whose lives are spiritual in character. Rather, they are still carnal-people still fleshly in their way of thinking and living-unable, like truly spiritual men and women, to judge correctly (2:15). What precisely are we to assume that Paul means by "spiritual" as opposed to "carnal?" In other words, what is a "spiritual" Christian?

The term "spiritual" is the Greek pneumatikos, built on the word pneuma, which describes both the Holy Spirit on the one hand, and the spirit of man-the human spirit-that part of man by which the body is animated, and which is conscious of and akin to God. It connotes both the ideas of invisibility and power. It is not used in the Septuagint Version, and does not occur in the Gospels. As W.E. Vine points out, "It is in fact an after-Pentecost word." In the New Testament, the term pneumatikos is used:

1. Of angelic hosts, lower than God but higher than man in his natural state, "spiritual beings of the wickedness"-the personal powers that carry on their dark and destructive work in the vast unseen, and which bring tremendous pressure to bear upon Christians, Ephesians 6:12.

2. Of things that have their origin in God and which therefore are in harmony with His character and purpose-as, for example, His law is "spiritual" (pneumatikos), Romans 7:14.

3. Of the purpose of God revealed in the Gospel by the Holy Spirit as the Teacher, 1 Cor. 2:13. The words in which such revelation is expressed are "spiritual", i.e. matching and combining spiritual things with spiritual words, teachings with interpretations, didaktos-pneumatikos-pneumatika.

4. Of spiritual songs, (odais pneumatikais), uttered for ourselves, both internally and externally, Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16. The giving utterance to such songs is done "in the heart" primarily and preeminently, and these "spiritual odes", tone-poems, have nothing secular about them.

5. Of the whole company of believers in Christ, the entire assembly of God's believing people-the true Church-as a "spiritual house" oikos pneumatikos, 1 Peter 2:5.

6. Of the many blessings from God that accrue to regenerated Christians through the Holy Spirit during these present times, called "spiritual blessings" (eulogia pneumatike), Ephesians 1:3.

7. Of the energies and activities of worship, confession, and service on the part of true believers, to God, which are called "spiritual sacrifices"-pneumatikas thusias, 1 Peter 2:5b, and cf. Hebrews 13:15.

8. The "spiritual" Christian (pneumatikos) is the one who walks in the realm of the Spirit, and by means of the Spirit, in the full sense of Galatians 5:16, 18, 25, and who manifests the fruits of the Spirit (vv. 22-26). The realm of the Spirit is the Word of God, in which and in accord with which we move and live daily and obediently. We walk by means of the Spirit in submitting to His leadership and direction, and by the force and power of His presence-of which we are made aware by His operation within us and His divine pressure upon us.

According to the Scriptures, this "spiritual" state of heart and spirit is the normal level of experience for believers. But all believers do not attain to this state and level, and when it is once attained, it is not always maintained by all believers. So Paul, in 1 Cor. 3:1-3, compares the "spiritual" (pneumatikos). Christians with those who are still "carnal" (sarkinois), i.e. those who are saved, but who still move about in the secular, earthy realm of thought and action. The "carnal" Christian is either one who because of immaturity and inexperience has not yet reached the level of spirituality, or is one who because of love for the things of the world, the desires of the flesh, and the pride of life, has lost the way to spiritual, godly living. The spiritual state of experience is reached through spiritual aspirations and avenues: diligence in the Word of God, persistence in prayer, and constancy in worship. And that spiritual state is maintained by discipline, obedience, and self-judgment. The "spiritual" Christian will continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and he will love the Lord's appearing.

The Days Of Our Years Psalm 90

The days of our allotted time
Are but threescore years and ten.
They're very brief, like song or rhyme
And written with our Maker's pen.

Tho some may attain to fourscore years
Mid trouble and labor and sorrow,
Memories of the race, boos, cheers
Bring hopes for another tomorrow.

Another generation, not very far back
Look on with sympathy and say,
"His day is ending on life's racetrack,
So sad he'd no longer to stay."

Pray tell why lament when a life is spent,
Unless it was spent in vain.
Go finish that race of Him who meant
To be run in poverty, wealth or pain.

What then is this brief life all about?
Is death the end, the grave the goal?
If so, why weep, why shout?
Unless we possess a never dying soul!

So teach us O Lord, to number our days
And unto wisdom our hearts apply,
Assured if we run His righteous ways
We'll never, no never, no never die.

... B. C. Jennings

No Music In A Rest

There is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it. In our whole life melody, the music is broken off here and there by "rests", and we foolishly think we have come to the end of time. God sends a time of forced leisure - sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts - and makes a sudden pause in the "choral hymn of our lives", and we lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missing in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator. How does the musician read the rest? See him beat time with unwavering count and catch up the next note true and steady as if no breaking had come in between. Not without design does God write the music of our lives, but be it ours to learn the time and not be dismayed at the "rests". They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the keynote. If we look up, God Himself will beat out the time for us. With our eyes on Him we shall strike the next note full and clear.

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Read: II Corinthians 6:14-18

Here are some things Christian parents would do in raising children.

I. Being Christians gives you the ability to develop a Christian home. There would be prayer and Bible reading in your home. You would lead your family in worship. This would have an impact on your children's lives.

II. You are to be examples for your children.

Parents who worry about their children becoming involved in alcohol and drugs but who drink, themselves, are being stupid. There will be good literature around the home. The children will have a standard of conduct so they can tell which will help them to evaluate the influence that comes into their lives.

III. You are to develop a meaningful relationship to a local church.

A. The church is necessary. You will develop a circle of Christian friends. You will benefit from the services and your children will be involved.

B. It is a meaningful experience for children to observe you worshipping and to observe that there are others just like you who worship God. This can be a powerful influence in their lives and as the work of Christ's salvation through His death on Calvary comes into their lives, they will trust Christ as Savior.

IV. You should take a new and vital interest in your children's education. A Christian school where Christ is honored and served in every subject has great molding power in the lives of our children. It helps them think in the name of Christ. It gives them the power of judgment that will enable them to make the choices that they will have to make for themselves.

- Selected -

"If I could
speak with
you
personally . . .



I would share some of the heartbreak of an unwed mother at our Bethesda Home. She had hopes of marriage . . . now he has forsaken her. Her family tries to be understanding, but it's so difficult . . . so many decisions to make . . . Forgiveness? Yes, God forgives . . . but what is best for my baby? . . . for myself? Friends, we try to help these girls reach the right decisions through regular sound, Bible-based counseling.

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A Very Urgent Prayer Request



The George Hatfield family are missionary appointees to the Niger Republic, Africa under Evangelical Baptist Mission. George and Dottie are former residents of Newark, Ohio and are members of the Bible Baptist Church there. Rev. Frank Odor is the pastor of this fine church.

They are now living at Winona Lake, Indiana where Brother George received training at Grace Seminary. He was the former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Newark. Dottie was saved while serving under the Peace Corps in the Chad as a nurse. One of our Baptist Mid-Missions' doctors led her to the Lord while she was attached to our Baptist Mid-Missions' hospital there. Later, George was saved and they both have been called to return to Africa.

Just this past week (on or about October 1st) our brother suffered two heart attacks and is (as of this writing) in the Kosiusko County Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana. They have four children and have about 27% of their support raised. They need further help financially, however, the great need for the present is prayer that our brother will fully recover from this attack.

We are asking our O.I.B. readers and our OARBC churches to make this a matter of special prayer. God is able to give full and complete recovery. Our responsibility is to pray - LET US BE FOUND DOING IT!

A Profitable Senior Citizens Conference

A letter was received the other day from Rev. Thomas C. Fillinger. Our brother is presently pastoring the North Baptist Church in Rochester, New York. Prior to going to Rochester, he pastored the Shawnee Hills Baptist Church in Jamestown, Ohio.

Recently his church in Rochester held a special Senior Citizens' Conference. Guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. Hugh Hall (Cedarville, Ohio). Brother Fillinger writes: "In late August we had Dr. Hugh Hall minister to our 'Seniors' on the subject of loneliness. His material was excellent and his full life of experience added a special dimension of blessing. It was especially good for persons who may be just retiring. I would commend this series to Pastors who would wish to bring a blessing to their Senior Citizens."

Pastors interested in having Brother Hall for such a conference may write him as follows: Dr. Hugh T. Hall, 3334 U. S. 42, Cedarville, Ohio 45314. Phone: (513)766-5782.

Also, in this same letter, Brother Fillinger expressed his greetings to the brethren in the Buckeye state!

Blessings Realized At Portsmouth Church

Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio, has received many blessings from the Lord during the past few months.

The adult Sunday School classes of the church along with its "Temple Tots" ministry manned a booth at the Scioto County Fair during the month of August. This is an annual event which the church partakes in, when literature pertaining to the church and school is distributed to fair goers and any questions concerning the church's ministry is answered.

This past February, a new class for the handicapped, The Shepherd's Class was formed. Rev. Bill Maher, founder-director of God's Handi-Work in Ocala, Florida, was present to help with the visitation and training of teachers for the new class. He is scheduled to return each year to follow up on the success of the class. (A picture and more details pertaining to the class will be forthcoming in a future issue of the O.I.B.)

Mrs. John B. (Agnes) Collins, Sr. has been appointed as Church Hostess. Her responsibilities include being coordinator of visitation, conferences and other activities of the church. She has presently served as church secretary for ten years, as well as church clerk and bookkeeper.

Pastor Sidders recently co-hosted a trip to the Holy Land with Dr. Roy Hamman, who was the main host. Ten other residents from the Portsmouth area joined Pastor Sidders for the trip which took

S.W.A.T. Rally

The South West Area Teens will be holding a rally at the Faith Baptist Church, Greenville, Ohio on November 8th at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Lloyd Learned is the host pastor. Guest speaker will be Dr. Wilbur Welch, President of the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Baptist College. Along with Dr. Welch will be the Spokesmen Quartet from the college. There will be an informal time of fellowship with Dr. Welch and the quartet immediately following the meeting.

Christian TV Program

THE BIBLE HOUR is a ministry of the Blackhawk Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Directing this program is the pastor of the church - Rev. David P. Jeremiah. We learned just recently that this telecast is being shown each Sunday on station WTJC-TV 26 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. It covers the Miami Valley in southern Ohio (Springfield-Dayton area).

Pastor David Jeremiah is the son of Dr. James T. Jeremiah, former President and presently Chancellor of Cedarville College. Our brother David Jeremiah is a graduate of Cedarville College. He also serves as a member of its Board of Trustees.

The Lord has been blessing his ministry. This is true not only in the church which he pastors, but in an even wider ministry through the medium of television. We encourage residents of the Miami Valley area to view this program (whenever possible) and invite others to do likewise.

them to Rome, Italy, Egypt, Jordan and Israel. Pastor Sidders is planning another trip to the Holy Land in August or September of 1981. Those interested should contact him at the church. Some churches may want to consider the possibility of sending their pastor on such a trip.

Temple just completed their Co-Laborers' Missionary Conference September 28 through October 1. The following missionaries partook in this year's conference: Rev. & Mrs. Dan Cecil, appointees to Davao City, Philippines under Association of Baptists for World Evangelism; Rev. Marvin Fray, veteran missionary to Brazil under Baptist Mid-Missions; Rev. & Mrs. Don Moffat, veteran editors of the Ohio Independent Baptist paper and now also serving as State Representative for the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches; Miss Evelyn Regier, veteran missionary to Japan under Baptist Mid-Missions. After five years of service in Japan she will now be working with Campus Bible Fellowship, Rev. & Mark Seymour, appointees to Chad under Baptist Mid-Missions; Miss Jerolyn Virgillo, an appointee to the Navajo under Baptist Mid-Missions and Rev. Bob Weckle, missionary pastor at Spring Valley Baptist Church in Huntington, W. Va. under Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.

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